The Government is regulating manufacture and marketing of only those Medical devices, which are notified under Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules thereunder. Sterile disposable perfusion sets, Sterile disposable Hypodermic Syringes and Sterile disposable Needles for single use only, In vitro Diagnostics devices for HIV.

HbsAg & HCV are notified under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and are regulated. Coronary stents, hips and knees are not notified under the said Act.

Use of banned anti-malaria drug quinacrine

2060. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite a ban on anti-malaria drug 'Quinacrine' for dual use as a female contraceptive, hundreds of ignorant women in rural West Bengal are still being pushed the cheap chemical that has carcinogenic properties;

(b) whether it is a fact that over 10,000 women in West Bengal could be among probable victims of the drug; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to stop the use of banned drug?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) As per information available with the Government no such case been reported.

(c) Necessary legal action under the relevant provisions; Drugs and Cosmetics Acts and Rules will be taken, if any such incidents are reported.

Correct level of blood pressure

2061. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports in print media that the diastolic/systolic reading of blood pressure at 120/80 which was considered to be ideal till recently is now regarded as high calling for immediate medical attention;